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PERHAPS there never was an Instance, since our happy *Constitution* was in being, of such a *Ferment* as we have seen in our Days, raised upon such Grounds, and in so *Critical* a Time. Perhaps there never was an Instance of any sort of Men amongst us, (pretending even to the lowest degree of Submission) who have acted such a Part, as some amongst us, (who pretend to greater degrees of Obedience than their Neighbours) against a *House of Commons* by which every thing hath been done for the *Publick Good*, and every thing necessary to bring down the *Common Enemy*: first by *Rebellious Tumults*, and now by

discontented *Addresses* to a QUEEN, who hath discovered not the least dislike of the *Proceedings* of Her *Parliament*, but a much more hearty Approbation, than their Enemies themselves professed to expect. But my design is not to entertain the *Reader* with any Reflections but such as offer themselves too plainly to be avoided, in the execution of my present purpose, which is to comment a little upon what seems the *Chief Burthen* of these terrible *Addresses*, which will not yet permit the *Nation* to subside into *Peace* and *Quietness*.

1. Her Majesty's *Title* to her *Crown* presents it self first to our View. This the *Addressers* would gladly appear to have a greater Regard to, than their Neighbours. Some frame their Complements, as if their whole Design were to shew their Zeal against that *Title* which arises out of the *Revolution*, and *Act* of *Settlement*; and their desire to have it entirely drop'd out of the *Annals* of this *Nation*. But a more modest sort of *Addressers*, (whose Voice is not of the least Moment with their *Friends* and *Abies*;) take another Method. They first declare that *their Duty* suffers them not

to call in question any Title by which Her Majesty holds her Crown. And then they immediately add, that the very mention of Resistance at this time, under the Best of Queens, ought to be detested and abhor'd. In the former of these Declarations, Her Majesty is suppos'd to hold her Crown by another Title, besides the Hereditary one: and that can be no other than the Revolution-Title. Now this Revolution-Title cannot be Lawful (with respect to the Queen's possessing the Crown) unless Resistance, in Cases of Extremity, be Lawful. If therefore to this we add the latter of these Declarations, which follows too closely upon it, they may both together be thus paraphras'd. *Duty will not suffer us to call in question Your MAJESTY'S Revolution-Title, which is founded upon Resistance: but yet the very mention of Resistance, at this time, tho' absolutely necessary in order to establish that Title, ought to be detested and abhor'd.* So that here Her Majesty's Revolution-Title is call'd in question in the same Breath in which it is declar'd contrary to Duty to call it in question, *Call'd in question?* I wish I could not say, It is abhor'd and detested. And thus perhaps the Contradiction is to be salv'd. For, tho' it

may be contrary to Duty to *call it in question*; yet it doth not follow, but that it may be *detested* and *abhorr'd*, by way of Consequence. This, we see, is the way of treating the *Revolution-Title*. It is either entirely forgotten and drop'd: or It is consequentialy recommended to the Detestation of Her Majesty's Subjects. And yet this *Revolution-Title* is the thing which is to support all our *Future Princes*, in the *Protestant Line*.

The *Hereditary Title* of Her Majesty is the Darling. And this is *solely* magnified and cried up to the Stars by *some*. By the most Modest it is said that *their Duty will not suffer them to call in question particularly that which is Hereditary*; or, Her Majesty's *Hereditary Title*, as distinct from the *Revolution-Title*. Now, what can be imagin'd the Reason of this tender regard to one, more than to another, *Title*, both suppos'd at first by the same Persons *unquestionable*? Why should one *unquestionable* be put more out of *question*, than another? And why should the *Hereditary Title*, at this time of Day, be pitch'd upon for so great a Favour? Is it because these *Gentlemen* are all so certain, to a Demonstration, that the *Pretender* was not the Son of K. James's *Queen*? Or that

that it doth not so plainly appear that the *Crown* is fix'd upon the *Queen's* Head by the late *Act* of *Settlement*? Is it, that the Proofs of the former are more evident, than that *Act* which doth the latter? Or, Is it, that *Acts* of *Parliament*, since the *Revolution*, give only an obscure and doubtful *Title*? If I may have leave to guess at the true Reasons that guide some Men, I strongly suspect that this good Inclination more particularly to *Hereditary Right*, ariseth from two things, *viz.* That tender Regard to the *Revolution*, and the Memory of the Late *King* and *Queen*, which one sort of Men have always express'd; and that *Concern* for the *Protestant Succession* in the *House* of *Hanover*, for which they are no less famous. For who doth not see, with half an Eye, how great an Honour this Principle of *Hereditary Right* casts back upon *K. William* and *Qu. Mary*, who had none? And what a Strength it gives to all their *Acts*, particularly that of the *Settlement* of the *Crown*? And on the other Hand, He must be Blind that doth not see what Service this must do towards the keeping out all the *Popish Line*, and establishing that of the *Illustrious House* of *Hanover*. Let it but be consider'd

sider'd, on which Side the *Hereditary Right* lies, and how *particularly* this is declar'd *unquestionable* : and what Tongue can express the happy influence this Principle hath, backward, upon the Validity of the *Revolution* and all *Acts* of *Parliament* under *K. William* ; and forward, upon the *Protestant Succession*, the only Hope of the Nation after the Death of *Her Majesty* ? This is the way in which We are now to speak, if We will be in the Fashion, of that *Hereditary Right*, by which alone the *Popish Line* have any *Claim* to a *Restoration* : and who doth not see from hence the tender Concern of some Men for our *present Protestant Establishment* ?

2. The next Point that offers it self is, the vehement Detestation of *Popish-Republican*, or *Popish* and *Republican* Principles. But here We might have been at some loss, upon what to have fix'd these hard Words, had not some of our *Addressers*, too Generous to rest in general Accusations, kindly let Us into the certain Meaning of this Cry. *The Doctrine of Resistance of Princes*, now maintain'd under *Her Majesty's* Reign, is the Point. It is *this* which is declar'd a *Popish Republican Doctrine*. So Unmerciful

ful a *Chain'd Epithet* for one poor *Doctrin* ! Well ; Let us see, however, what can be understood by this. Whether the meaning of this be, that it is a *Popish-Popish Doctrin*, or a *Popish-Protestant Doctrin*, is not worth enquiring. This, I think, with the leave of the *Learned*, that the *same Doctrin* concerning *Resistance* (for it is one particular *Doctrin*, now maintain'd, that is here pointed at) cannot be both *Popish* and *Republican*. As far as it is *Popish*, it is built upon *Servitude* to the *Pope* : as far as it is suppos'd *Republican*, it is built upon the *Rights* of *Mankind*. The *Popish Doctrin* of *Resistance* cannot be *Republican* ; The *Republican* cannot be *Popish* : and consequently the *same individual Doctrin* cannot be a *Popish Republican Doctrin*. We will divide therefore this *Chain'd Word*, and see in what *Sense* the *Doctrin* of *Resistance* of the *Prince* (for to *Him* only We find it confin'd by those, who understand *Meanings* best) as now maintain'd, can be call'd, either 1st, *Popish*, or 2dly *Republican*.

The *Doctrin* is this, that it is *Lawful* for this *Nation*, to save it self from imminent *Ruine*, by opposing the *Prince*, when He manifestly attempts to dissolve the *Constitution*, and to invade the *Privileges* of the whole

whole Body of Subjects, against the known Laws of the Land, which He is sworn to preserve and maintain inviolably. The Reasons of mentioning it at this time, will help likewise to shew how entirely *Popish* it is. And the Reasons are, because our *Settlement* in the *Protestant Succession* is founded upon the Nation's having resisted a *Popish Prince*, and withdrawn their Allegiance from the whole *Popish Line*; and because we are still fighting against that *Power*, that would re-establish this *Popish Line*, by Virtue of *Hereditary Right*.

In the first place therefore, the *whole Body* of *Addressers*, whether *Learned*, or *Unlearned*, would do well to name one single *Popish* Writer, (I say, one single *Popish* Writer,) who, as a *Casuit*, or *Divine*, ever maintain'd this Doctrine, or any thing like it. I say, any thing like it. For, in the next place, it must be noted, that the *Popish Doctrine* concerning *Resistance*, and withdrawing Allegiance, is as different from it, as *Slavery* is from *Liberty*. For it is nothing but the Doctrine of *slavish Subjection* to the *Pope*, viz. that when he pleaseth to declare against any *Prince*, tho' Governing after the best manner; then the *People* are obliged to arm against Him, in order to shew

shew themselves Greater Slaves to the *Pope*. Who is there that cannot see that the *one* is founded upon the Rights and Privileges of Mankind, whether *Papists*, or *Protestants*, whether *Heathens*, or *Christians*; and that the other is founded upon the utmost Servitude of the poor People to the *Pope*, and the utmost Disgrace put upon Humane Nature? The *one* calculated to support the *Liberty* of the People, the *other* to make both *Kings* and *People* the *Vassals* of *Rome*? What imaginable Affinity is there between these two *Doctrines*? or what imaginable reason for stiling that *Popish*, which stands upon a *Foundation* diametrically opposite to, and destructive of, that which is *Popish*? And one might hope that some Men might be more sparing of the word *Popish*, considering how grievous they find it themselves, to have any of their darling *Customs*, and *Tenets*, run down with the Clamour of *Popery*; whilst they are inwardly Conscious of their own entire Aversion to every thing that doth but border upon it?

Or it may be, that this *Doctrine* is call'd *Popish*, by a *Figure*, because it is not *Popish*; because it hath been taught
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by many of the first *Reformers*, and chief *Protestant Writers*; or, because it was encourag'd by *Q. Elizabeth*, and her *Convocation* and *Parliament*, in order to bring down the Power of the *Papists*; or, because it is now maintain'd merely, and solely, to keep out the *Popish Line*; and is most zealously oppos'd by every *Papist* in *Great Britain*, and *Ireland*. But this *Figure* hath been long exploded by the *Best Criticks*. On the other Side, it will be worth noting that the *Doctrine of Absolute Unlimited Non-resistance*, in the Sense in which any *Protestants* deny it, is maintain'd by *Popish Writers*; is now asserted by all the *Papists* of these Nations; and is that *Doctrine* by which, as they once hop'd, to have preserv'd the *Popish Line* upon the Throne, so they now expect to restore it. For *Unlimited Non-resistance*, back'd with *Hereditary Right*, is a Weapon, which they value above all the *Arms* of *France*. Here therefore a *Query* ariseth. Which is most truly a *Popish Doctrine*; that *Doctrine* concerning a Nation's Right to Resist, when they can't prevent their Ruin without it, which no *Popish Casuist* teacheth; which many of the most celebrated *Reformed Writers* have allow'd

allow'd of ; which hath banish'd, and now keeps out, *Poper*y from amongst our selves ; and which all our own *Papists* profess to abhor : or that of *Absolute Non-resistance*, of which all *Papists* are now most fond, and in which they place their greatest Hopes and Expectations ? But by this time to be sure, the Reader must be satisfied how perfectly *Popish*, the *Doctrin*e, now maintain'd, of *Resistance* of *Princes*, is : viz. so perfectly *Popish*, that it is the Hatred and Aversion of every *Papist* in the *Kingdom*.

But We will go to the other *Branch*, in which the *Doctrin*e of *Resistance* of *Princes*, now maintain'd, is declar'd to be a *Republican Doctrin*e. Great Feats are to be done by the help of this Word *Republican* ! We will find out, if it be possible, what the Meaning of the Word is, as it is thus applied. *Resistance* of our *Princes* is defended by no one any further than as it is necessary to preserve that *Constitution*, of which we so much boast, and to hinder this *Limited Monarchy* from being turn'd into an *Absolute* one. I hope it cannot be a Mark of a *Republican* to prefer our own *Constitution* before that of *France* or *Turkey* :

key : because this We all profess at least to do. Well then ; What hath this poor *Doctrine* to do with the *Republican Scheme* ? Is it a *Republican* Principle to declare for our *Constitution* as it is now ? Which must help to preserve it from becoming a *Republick*, on one hand, as well as from changing to an *Absolute Monarchy* on the other. A *Republican* with us must be one who prefers the *Common-wealth-form* of *Government* before our own. But what Relation is there between the defending *Resistance*, in order to keep our *Legal Constitution* ; and preferring the *Republican form* before *that* which We now enjoy ? Just as much as there is between defending *Separation* from the *Church of Rome*, and preferring *Calvin's Discipline* and *Government*, before that of the *Church of England*. And the Principle of the Lawfulness of *Separation*, on the highest Accounts, may, with the same Right, be call'd a *Calvinistical*, and *Presbyterian Principle* ; as that of *Resistance*, in Cases of *Extremity*, is nicknam'd *Republican*.

And, with the leave of our *Addressers*, nothing is properly *Republican*, but what is so peculiar to *that Form*, as that it cannot

cannot consistently be maintained by any who prefer another before it. Now let us take which Form of *Government* we please for our Darling; the general Principle of *Resistance*, in extream Cases, may be held consistently with a love to any of them. If We chuse the Government of one Man without *Council*, or *Parliament*: It is not inconsistent at all in any who like this best, to maintain that, should this one Man, against all the Laws of Nature and Reason, undertake to murder and extirpate his Subjects, *Resistance* would be lawful. I say this is as consistent with the liking Absolute *Monarchy*, in the main, better than a *Republick*, as with the contrary. And therefore the general Principle of *Resistance* in Cases of *Extream Necessity*, is as much *Monarchical*, as it is *Republican*.

But however this may be, It must be own'd that we are oblig'd to those who have let us into the true meaning of the Word *Republican*, now so much in use. Great Complaints we know, are made of numbers of *Republican Books* and *Pamphlets*, spread about! And now

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we see what it is that is meant, *viz.* that there are Writers who presume to defend that *Resistance* of the Prince which was practis'd at the *Late Revolution*. The *Revolution* is defended: Therefore it is high time to nick-name the *Doctrine of Resistance*, and to brand it with the Title of *Republican*. We know therefore now, what some Men mean. To detest *Republican Principles*, is to detest *Revolution Principles*: And as no other sort of *Republican Principles* have been mention'd under the best of *Queens*, these only must be intended by the mighty Zeal against *Republican Principles*. And they that can detest *Resistance*, without detesting the *Revolution*, and Her Majesty's *Revolution-Title*, must have good luck at getting rid of Consequences.

But after all, what if this great Cry against *Republican Principles* should be design'd only as a Singular Respect to our *Chief Allies*, at this Critical Juncture, when the strictest Union between them and this Nation is of such Importance? or as the highest Token of Gratitude to that *Republick* which help'd to save Us, when We were devoted to Destruction, by sending over an

an Army and Fleet to our Assistance? But seriously, whatever we might judge from our *Armies* abroad, One would think, in truth, by some late *Addresses* at home, that we were now fighting against the *States of Holland*, and not the *Monarch of France*. I need say no more. How *Republican* the *Doctrine* is, is plain from hence, that it is made use of to keep our *Constitution* what it is, as different from a *Republick*, as from an *Absolute Monarchy*.

To *Popish* and *Republican*, some of our *Addressers* add the Word *Antimonarchical*, another hard Word, to give the finishing stroke to this poor *Doctrine of Resistance*, as now taught. For the explanation of this, it is to be observed, that our *Monarchy* is not like the *Monarchy of France* or *Morocco*, in which the *Prince* hath the sole Power of making as well as executing Laws; but is a *Monarchy*, in which tho' the *Prince* hath the *Executive* part in himself, yet He cannot without the concurrence of both *Houses of Parliament*, make any Laws to oblige the Society. It is to be likewise remembred, that *King James* made an

attempt upon this Constitution ; that he endeavoured to set up his own Will and Pleasure, above the *Laws* of the *Land* ; and to turn it into the same sort of *Monarchy*, which he saw, and envied in a Neighbouring *Kingdom*. Upon this, the wicked Principle of *Resistance* exerted it self, and hindred this *Government* from being changed into an *Absolute Monarchy*, to the Destruction of this whole Nation. The principle therefore of *Resistance* must be *Antimonarchical*, that is, contrary to *Monarchy*, because it interposed, and saved us from Ruine, and from being *Slaves*, as they are in *France*, to the Will of one Man. Thus the *Revolution* was *Antimonarchical* ; because it hindred King *James* from his design of becoming an *Absolute Monarch*, and preserved to us the *Right* of being ruled by *Law*. And there having been something written and spoken in defence of this *Revolution*, and what is founded upon it ; this is the only proper time for detesting *Antimonarchical Principles*. Besides, we being engaged in War with the *Monarch* of *France*, nothing can be more proper than to *detest* and *abhor* those principles, by which
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Men are led heartily to oppose all Tendency to such a *Monarchy* as his ; and heartily to prefer our own Constitution before it ; and freely to offer their Money, and their Lives, in order to keep it out from amongst our selves. And as these *Gentlemen* think fit to express their detestation of these *Principles* which work'd our *Deliverance* at Home ; so it is very observable, that the farther our great *General* abroad hath proceeded towards reducing the power of the *Absolute Monarch* of *France*, still the more out of Favour, and the more *detestable* he hath sensibly grown to our great *Asserters* of *Monarchical Principles*.

What then is the result of that *Detestation* of *Popish, Republican, Antimonarchical Principles*, express'd by our *Addressers* ? Why, that the *Revolution* was a *Popish-Republican-Antimonarchical-Revolution* ; that the Principles which defend it are to be *detested*, as *Popish-Republican-Antimonarchical Principles* ; that the *Protestant Succession* founded upon that *Revolution* is an *Antimonarchical-Republican-Popish-Protestant-Succession* ; and that every Step the *Duke of Marlborough* advances

vances towards humbling the *Monarch of France*, and securing our *Establishment*, is upon *Popish-Republican-Antimonarchical* Grounds. Into this it must resolve it self, if we examine it thoroughly.

Well; But whether the *Doctrine* be *Popish-Antimonarchical-Republican*, or *Popish* only, or *Republican* only; or neither; yet the very mention of the *Doctrine of Resistance of Princes*, at this time, under the best of *Queens*, ought to be detested, and abhorr'd. This is the plain *Voice* of some, and consequently the *Intent* of others of our *Addressing Brethren*, that the very mention of *Resistance of the Prince* alone, at this time, is to be detested. This is going farther than the *Doctor's Council*, at the late *Trial*: nay, or than the good *Doctor* himself, who stuck not to the old *English Non-resistance* due to the *Prince* only, but endeavoured to interpret *Supream Powers* to signify the whole *Legislative*. But now we are to be brought back again to the *Old Doctrine*: And we are taught what is truly to be understood by *Supream Powers*, when it is fit to speak out. Detestable

stable *Revolution* ! Feeble Support of
 our *Establishment* ! Unhappy *Establish-*
ment ! that what supports it must not
 be spoken of, in order to support it !
 Unfortunate *Revolution-Title* ! some-
 times not to be *question'd*, sometimes to
 be *abhorr'd* ! Unhappy *House of Commons*,
 to fall under the Lash of so many Mo-
 dest *Addressers* ! No longer dare to shew
 your Heads in the Cause of Liberty.
 And O ye *Managers*, worthy of the ut-
 most Abhorrence ! take Shame to your
 selves. And O Sir S—n, once the
 Darling of the Party, and call'd forth
 by its universal Voice to defend the
Doctrine of Absolute Non-Resistance, for
 Thee so shamefully to betray it ; not
 only to mention *Resistance* of the Prince,
 (which alone is detestable) but to
 own it Lawful and Honourable, in
 such Cases as that of the *Revoluti-*
on ! Unpardonable ! were it not, that
 the Fidelity of thy Heart is known !
 But Blessed in the mean while, must
 the Case of a whole Nation be ! when
 the mention of *Resistance* in extream
 Cases, is to be detested, under the *Best*
 of *Governours*, tho' made use of solely
 to support the Title of the *Best* :
 And

And under the *Worst*, We all know it impossible, without suffering for it.

But let us a little think upon the Matter. What? Is it *detestable* to say, in this Reign, that the *Revolution*, without which this Reign had never been, was Lawful? Is it *detestable* to affirm, at this time, that it was nobly done of some of our *Addressers*, to associate Heart and Hand, in defence of the Prince of Orange, who was afraid of no one but K. James and his *Adherents*? Is it an *horrible* thing to tell Her Majesty, that Her Conduct was justifiable at that time, and Her Title now Glorious? Is it *detestable* for a *House of Commons* to exert themselves for the *Liberties* of the Nation, and to assure our Good Queen, that they are entirely satisfy'd in Her Title, and the present Establishment, and ready to defend them against all their Enemies? If these things be so; it is high time to detest the *Revolution*, and the *Exclusion* of *Hereditary Right*; and to repent in Dust and Ashes.

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I would to God there were no Appearances amongst us more detestable. To swear to a *Government*, and yet publicly damn it's Foundation. To abjure the *Right Line*; and yet to cry up *Hereditary Right*. To detest the very mention of *Resistance* under an *Establishment*, which owes it's being to *Resistance*. These to be sure, are commendable, and worthy things; and will ever be accounted the Glory of great part of this Nation. But in the mean while, there are those who are weak enough to think that the *Condemnation of Resistance* in all possible Cases, under an *Establishment* which is founded upon *Resistance*, might as *becomingly* have been *detested*: And that the mention of *Hereditary Right* being *unquestionable*, may be as consistently *abhor'd* by those who have abjur'd the *Hereditary Right* of many, and sworn Fidelity to a *Protestant Succession*, wholly destitute of *Hereditary Right*.

3. From all this we may judge what some Men mean by *Loyalty*, of which they speak so much. One would be apt to imagine it to be something for the Benefit of the *present Establishment*. But alas! It is nothing but the bare, tho' violent, Profession of *Unlimited Non-resistance*, and *Hereditary Right*. *Excellent Loyalty* to an *Establishment* begun upon *Resistance*, and to be continued only by excluding *Hereditary Right*!

4. When that which hath hitherto been call'd the *Toleration* is to be touched upon, a *New Dialect* is to be made use of. Some seem to be for the *Legal Indulgence to Consciences truly Scrupulous*. Others are more Cautious, and go no further than to say that *they do by no means presume to disapprove of that Legal Impunity* (something below *Indulgence*) *which is allowed to Consciences truly Tender*. And a great favour it is that there is any thing espoused by this *Republican House of Commons*, which they do not openly detest! But how faint the Expression is? And what Words

Words are here chosen to evidence their Zeal for the *Toleration*? For Her Majesty hath always call'd it the *Toleration*: and so did the *Honourable House of Commons*. One would think this were the Reason why some Men are now become afraid of the Word; and have chang'd it for something, which serves a purpose better. *They do by no means presume to disapprove.* Who could possibly chuse this Form of Expression, that heartily approves of a thing? The *Queen* declares She *will inviolably maintain the Toleration*. All that some can bring themselves to say, is, that they *do not presume to disapprove of the Legal Impunity, allow'd to Consciences truly Tender*. See the Difference of the two Forms of Expression: The *Zeal* of the one, and the *Coldness* of the other.

5. In the last place, the *Burthen of the Song*, the main *End* of these *Addresses*, is the *Dissolution or Determination* of the present *House of Commons*, that hath shewn so ungrateful a Sense of *Publick Liberty*. To this end, Her Majesty is assur'd that the *utmost Care* shall be

us'd to chuse such *Representatives* in *Parliament* as will inviolably maintain *Her Majesty's just Prerogative, the Succession in the Illustrious House of Hanover, the Rights of the Church, and the Liberties of the Subject*. And who, that knows any thing of the Behaviour of these Gentlemen, can doubt of their Zeal for these four Particulars? Poor *King William*, (not to speak of her Majesty) sufficiently experienc'd their Zeal for the *Prerogative*; which hath always, indeed, exerted it self, in their constant Endeavours to limit it, ever since it was most likely to be employ'd for the good of the People. The *Illustrious House of Hanover* needs no new Proofs of their Affection. Their Cry for *Hereditary Right*, and exalting it above all other *Titles*, is sufficient Demonstration of their inviolable firmness to that Family. The *Rights* of this *Episcopal Church*, of which the *Queen* is *Head*, have experienc'd their regards. It could be nothing but their Love to it that hath mov'd them and their Friends, to adhere to those *Presbyters*, who claim *Coordinate Powers* with their *Bishops*, and an Exemption from the *Royal Supremacy*. And as for the

the *Liberties* of the *Subject*, who can give greater Demonstrations of their Concern for *them*, than those who have ever maintain'd the unlawfulness of *Resistance*, should the *Prince* entirely swallow them up? *Unlimited Submission*, *Absolute Passive Obedience*, *Hereditary Right*, are only other words for the *Liberties of the Subject*, the *Late Revolution*, and the *Protestant Succession*! Nor can any one, who knows the World, make the least doubt, that those who are truly the *Representatives* of this part of the *Nation*, will ever give the same Proofs of their regard to the *Prerogative*, the *House of Hanover*, the *Church*, and the *Nation*, which they have hitherto given.

But, if they be serious in this part of their *Addresses*, and if a steady regard to these four Particulars, be the *Touchstone*, may not Her Majesty take as great Satisfaction in Her present *House of Commons*, as in any they can chuse for Her, all but themselves being Judges? What part of Her *Prerogative* have they invaded? Or in what hath their Zeal for Her Honour and

and Service come behind that of those who have opposed them? What could they have done more for the *House of Hanover*, than they have, by that late *Noble Struggle* for the Principles of the *Revolution*, and the *Act of Settlement*, by which alone that *Illustrious Family* can reign? What one Injury have they done to the *Established Church*, unless it by defending what sav'd it from Ruin? And then for the *Liberties* of the *Subject*; how great and zealous hath been their Contest, as if their own Lives had been at stake, and their own Happiness had depended only upon that of the *Publick*? They are willing and desirous, therefore, that these, which their Enemies have laid down, should be the Marks to judge by: And they fear to be outdone, least of all, by those who have laid them down.

I shall not add any more Comments. It might be ask'd, whether *Hereditary Right* stuck to, and *Hereditary Right* abjured, mean one and the same thing: whether most of our *Addressees* had not heard of the passing the *French Lines*, and the unspeakable dis-

disappointment of the *Common Enemy* ;
 or whether they thought it ominous,
 and foreboding of Evil. But these,
 and several other Points, I leave
 to others. One thing I know, with-
 out asking, that our *Present Esta-*
blishment, the *Protestant Succession*,
 and the *Cause* of our *Allies* abroad,
 are infinitely indebted to them for
 such *Addresses*.

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